



**COUNTY OF PLACER
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**PLACER COUNTY
FISH & GAME COMMISSION
MINUTES**

TIME/DATE: 6:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, November 16, 2016

**LOCATION: PLACER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ROOM
Community Development Resource Agency, DeWitt Center, Auburn
3091 County Center Drive (corner of Bell Road and Richardson Drive)**

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I. CALL TO ORDER – Mark Fowler

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Daniels, Fowler, Gould, Flanagan, Husmann, Victorine

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR November 16, 2016 AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF October 26, 2016

Agenda: Daniels/Flanagan/MPUV

Minutes: Flanagan/Gould/MPUV

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Individuals may address the Commission on items under the jurisdiction of the Fish and Game Commission not included on this agenda for no longer than five (5) minutes. ***No action can be taken on items addressed under Public Comment.***

John DeMello, Placer Sportsmen president, thanked the commission for awarding them a grant for the 70th annual Kid's Fish Derby.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT – Ed King

Expenditures through October totaled \$1093.

Court fines and penalty assessments through October totaled \$163.

VI. AGENCY REPORTS

A. Commission Updates

- Flanagan - Auburn Ravine has had the best salmon run in four years with over one hundred fish in the system, many estimated to be over 20 pounds. Recent storms have increased flows and at least thirty fish have been able to get over Hemphill Dam. Lincoln gauging station's fish cameras are installed and running. Friends of Auburn Ravine will likely not get carcass count permit authorized this season to study genetics on returning fish
- Daniels – Board of Supervisors approved the Village at Squaw Specific Plan on a 4-1 vote.
- Gould – ten salmon were recently spotted in Rainbow Creek in Roseville.
- Fowler – State Water Resources Quality Control Board is conducting four workshops in January and February 2017 regarding potential actions to protect water quality from suction dredge mining discharges.

B. State Fish & Game Commission Subcommittee – Mark Fowler

- Hunters must report deer tags when harvesting by January 31, nil harvests must also report.
- Fall turkey season November 12 - December 2.
- Dungeness crab season open Point Reyes south. Point Reyes north scheduled to open December 1.

C. California Department of Fish & Wildlife – Warden Adam Kraft

- Warden Kraft reviewed recent CDFW citations—numerous safety citations: road hunters, shooting from vehicles, and live rounds in chamber.
- Homeless population along Auburn Ravine presents a salmon poaching threat.
- Conducting patrols along Auburn Ravine.
- Assisted in American River salmon run enforcement; issued 45 citations over two days.
- Assisted in significant Sacramento-Mendocino poaching/restaurant abalone case.
- Nevada County warden spending 80% of time investigating streambed alteration violations related to marijuana cultivation.
- Significant amount of late season deer poaching under investigation.

D. Nevada Irrigation District/PCWA

NID

As of November 9th storage = 202,100 AF; 135% of average; 76% of capacity.

PCWA

French Meadows is at 5,226' (89,200 AF)

Hell Hole is at 4,573' (143,000 AF)

Middle fork Project is wrapping up its annual maintenance outage and should be up and running around November 14th. Flows below Oxbow PH should be at least 1,000 cfs for the remainder of November into early December.

Folsom is at 400' (380,000 AF); Lower American River is flowing at 1,250 cfs.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

VII. Department of Fish & Wildlife Deer Management Update – Sara Holm, DFW Wildlife Biologist

The Blue Canyon Herd is the main herd in Placer County. Habitat loss and conversion is the biggest problem in addition to predators, fire, and increasing human population. Goals of the new deer management plan, which replaced the 1976 statewide plan, include:

- Landscape level approach
- Update baseline population information
- New population estimators (DNA, hi res cameras)
- Collect better harvest and survival information
- Estimate recruitment
- Assess habitat conditions
- Use data to set new performance objectives
- Condense 76 herds into 10 new Deer Conservation Units
- Habitat conservation
- Updated population management
- Research, monitoring, adaptive management
- Outreach

Also working on regional DNA analysis project to estimate population sizes.

Collared 20 bucks with GPS collars to track and study movement patterns.

Caltrans is cooperating with new wildlife crossing tunnels—anticipate two on I-80 between Applegate and Colfax and one on Hwy 193.

ACTION ITEMS

VIII. Formation of a Subcommittee to Review Planning Projects –

The Commission discussed and voted on the formation of a subcommittee that will review and provide fish and wildlife related comments on projects brought to the County Planning Department.

Motion to Form Subcommittee: Gould/Flanagan/*MPUV*

Motion to elect Don Gould as subcommittee member: Flanagan/Daniels/*MPUV*

IX. Adjournment 7:40 p.m.